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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA SEEKING POSTPONEMENT OF OAU GOOD OFFICES
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 63447 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MARCH 13 MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS, MOFA PERM-
SEC DAWIT WOLDE-GHIORGIS INDICATED TO ME THAT EPMG IS SEEK-
ING POSTPONEMENT OF OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE MEETING PRO-
POSED FOR LAGOS MARCH 16. HE STRONGLY DOUBTED WHETHER MOST
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO LAGOS ON SUCH SHORT
NOTICE, AFTER RECEIVING LETTERS OF INVITATION ONLY ONE WEEK
PRIOR TO PROPOSED DATE. ALTHOUGH EPMG HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
TO MEET WITH SOMALIS IN LAGOS, DAWIT SAW NO TIME BEFORE
APRIL WHEN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE FREE TO TRAVEL
FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE EXPLAINED THAT ETHIOPIA IS EX-
PECTING VISITS OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER THIS WEEK,

CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER NEXT WEEK, AND SEVERAL OTHER HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS BEFORE END OF MONTH, WHICH WILL PRECLUDE EPMG PARTICIPATION IN LAGOS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL.

2. DAWIT REFERRED TO MARCH 11 MOFA COMMUNIQUE OUTLINING ETHIOPIAN CONDITIONS FOR OGADEN PEACE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PRIMARY EMPHASIS BY ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO LAGOS, WHEN MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE, WOULD BE UPON COMPLETE RENUNCIATION OF ALL SOMALI CLAIMS TO TERRITORIES OF ALL THREE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. IN EPMG VIEW, THIS MEANT THAT SOMALIA MUST REWRITE ITS CONSTITUTION AND REDESIGN ITS NATIONAL FLAG, THEREBY REMOVING ALL OFFICIAL REFERENCES TO, AND SYMBOLS OF, ITS IRREDENTIST CLAIMS. MATHERON

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